

## **Joe Grindstaff**

### **Director, California Bay-Delta Authority**

Joe Grindstaff became Director for the California Bay-Delta Authority on June 2005 to lead efforts for a Program review, assessment and 10-year action plan called for in the Governor's May '05 budget revision. He was appointed Chief Deputy Director of the California Department of Water Resources by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger on August 6, 2004. Grindstaff, 52, has broad experience in the water industry, having worked for more than 25 years at the local and regional level.

Prior to his appointment, Grindstaff served as General Manager of the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority (SAWPA), a regional water agency having responsibility for over 2,650 square miles that includes parts of San Bernardino, Riverside, Los Angeles, and Orange counties. The watershed is home to more than 5 million people. At SAWPA, Grindstaff diligently worked to build a regional effort to drought-proof the watershed.

Grindstaff earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Brigham Young University and a Master of Business Administration degree from the University of Phoenix.